



# Photo trip report from the initiation meeting of the Basona Worena woreda Innovation Platform

1-2 February 2014





- The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is supporting the establishment of local innovation platforms in each of its sites.
- This visit aimed to brief agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at Africa RISING sites about the program's activities, and initiate the establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) with key partners.
- By the end of the visits we established 4 strategic (woreda) and 8 operational (kebele) IPs and formed technical committees at woreda and kebele levels.



Zelalem Lema briefing participants on Africa RISING interventions





Kindu Mekonnen briefing agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working in Gudo Beret kebele about Africa RISING activities



Temesgen Alene, Africa RISING site coordinator, presenting cost benefit analysis for the kebele Innovation platform





Farmers involved in the discussion



Kindu Mekonnen translating for Jim Ellis-Jones





Model farmer presenting her experiences





Abiro Tigabie explaining the advantages and challenges of the preferred varieties and management practices



Innovation platforms explained – purpose, functions, membership and technical committees





Members of the Gudo Beret kebele technical committee  
Genet Mengistu , Mulu Habtie, Engdasew Abebe, Kidanu Gebrehana, Eshete Kebede





Members of the technical committee of Basona Worena woreda  
Shewangizaw Negussie , Amhayesus Belete , Temesgen Alene , Abiro Tigabie, Tegene Seifu , Jemal  
Mohammed , Bekele Demssie , Silesih Aynekulu





Members of the innovation platform: Representatives of cooperatives, kebele administration, women and youth representatives, development agents, health extension workers, elders, and farmers



# Project partners Ethiopia







# Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**  
Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities;  
Maichew Agricultural College
- **Regional research organizations:**  
Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- **Federal research organizations:**  
Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute
- **Offices of Agriculture:**  
Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**



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